hospitals/diagnostic centres under CGHS Delhi alongwith revised ceiling rates for various medical procedures/tests/investigations has already been circulated to all Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India. A copy of the said O.M. dated 7.9.2001 was placed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in one of the court cases concerning the CGHS. No separate affidavit on this count was filed in the Hon'ble Court by the Govt.

Para 10 and 11 of O.M. dated 7.9.2001 indicates the categories of CGHS beneficiaries who would get credit facilities for taking treatment in private hospitals recognised under CGHS Delhi.

Recognition of private hospital under CGHS in Visakhapatnam

4119. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognized any private hospital under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) in Visakhapatnam for families of Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps Government have taken for CGHS beneficiaries to get treatment in exigencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) to (c) Visakhapatnam is not covered by CGHS and therefore no private hospitals have been recognised under CGHS in the city.

Central Govt. employees living out side CGHS covered areas get their medical facilities under CS (MA) Rules, 1944. Accordingly, Central Govt. employees living in Visakhapatnam are covered under the said rules.

CGHS beneficiaries while on tour/visit in non-CGHS areas like Visakhapatnam can take treatment in unforeseen emergencies through an Authorised Medical Attendant or a private hospital recognised under CS (MA) Rules, 1944.

Central grants to Pondicherry under NACP

4120. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether grants are being made available to the Union Territory of Pondicherry under National AIDS Control Programme so as to control hospital infection of the dreaded disease and also create awareness in the U.T.;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether NGOs have been involved in AIDS control in the U.T.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP-II), the grants-in-aid released to Pondicherry State AIDS Control Society during the last three years is as follows:—

1999-2000	Rs. 25.00 lakhs
2000-2001	Rs. 21.50 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs. 54.00 lakhs

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The NGO-Society for Development, Research and Training (SFDRT) is running a Community Care Centre and is also working on Truker's intervention project in the Union Territory, Pondicherry.

Amendment in Indian Medical Council Act

4121. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Indian Medical Council Act to allow the practice by electropathy and electro-homoeopathy students in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received requests from State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government of Maharashtra approached the Central Government to give administrative approval for a Diploma Course in Homoeopathic Medicine